



**Placer County IHSS
Advisory Committee Meeting
January 17, 2008
1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Members Present: Eula Marshall, Katie Snoberger, Diane Lester, Mary DeGraaf, Margaret Maldaner, Michael Fletcher, Sherrie Comer, Tim Cooper, and Phylis Nelson

Members Absent: All members were present.

Placer County Staff Present: Eldon Luce, Cate Lynds, Carol Sundin, and Pauline Moreno

Public Present: Ned Zoller, IHSS provider

Mary called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Excused Absences: All members were present.

Member Reports/Announcements/Questions: Eldon announced that action was taken at the November 27, 2007 Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting to reappoint Katie Snoberger and Phylis Nelson to the Advisory Committee. He stated that Michael Fletcher should be reappointment at the January 22, 2008 BOS meeting.

Public Comment: No public comment was offered.

Approve 9-15-07 Meeting Summary: Two typographical errors were noted:

1. Spelling of visitor's name: ***Ned Zoller***
2. Page 2, Line 3: ***keep*** should be ***kept***

Action: A motion was made by **Michael** and seconded by **Katie** to approve the 9-15-07 Meeting Summary as corrected. **The motion carried.**

Subcommittee Report - Rapid Response Registry: Margaret inquired whether there had been a tally of calls regarding the need for a rapid response registry. While a question has been added to the IHSS survey, no results have been reported as yet. She stated that due to the budget crisis in California, initiating a rapid response registry would be a hard sell to the BOS as it would add cost to the county budget. She would like to suspend further action on this project until a more viable time.

Action: A motion was made by **Katie** and seconded by **Margaret** to suspend this project until a future date. **The motion carried.**

CICA Report: Eldon stated that he was able to participate in CICA's conference call regarding the California Budget. Topics of discussion were:

- AB1X: Governor's Health Proposal; Nunez carried this bill: This bill has been passed in the Assembly and now needs to go to the Senate. This bill carries a \$14 billion price tag and members wonder how far this bill will go.
- The next CICA conference will take place on August 8, 2008. Janie Whiteford informed the group that a collaborative conference possibly would be held with CAPA and CFILC. They also hope to have CICA's Executive Committee conduct mini, one-day regional conferences in the spring; particularly around the state budget and the challenges to come. They want to provide education and training regarding the budget and what stakeholders can do in response.
- CICA is looking for articles for their newsletter

Advisory Committee Recommendations to IHSS Supervisor: No recommendations were made.

Presentation: Share of Cost Explanation: Cate and Carol provided a detailed explanation of the Share of Cost (SOC) system. They explained the SOC budgets, how the current system works, provided examples of the SOC process including other possibilities, and explained the exceptions, pitfalls, and concerns with the system. A comprehensive handout was provided detailing the steps and rules of SOC.

PA Managers Report: Eldon Luce, Public Authority Manager

- **IHSS Legislation:** Eldon talked about the Governor's January proposed, preliminary budget with a revision due to come out in May. The state finally owns up to the \$14 billion dollar deficit and politicians must now deal with issues they have been ignoring for the last few years. There will be significant cuts and impacts to county funds and Eldon discussed some of the budget proposals.
 - The county does not have a freeze on hiring at the moment but has not replaced personnel that have left. This has been hard on all county departments.
 - \$110 million proposed cut from IHSS by reducing hours authorized for non-medical domestic and related services hours to all IHSS recipients, including meal preparation, meal clean-up, laundry, food, shopping, and errands.
 - **Exception:** IHSS wages and benefits are exempt from reduction; with a proposed funding increase here of \$491.5 million. The 'cut' will come with an 18% reduction in the domestic and related authorized hours of care. This translates to an average reduction of approximately 6.6 hours per consumer.
 - \$10.2 million cut in county administration for IHSS and corresponding reduction in county workload.
 - Administration proposals that will change the timeframe for re-assessing the condition of IHSS recipients from every 12 months to every 18 months. This would only apply to the residual and PCSP programs.
 - A proposed \$11.4 million reduction in APS funding.
 - The Governor has called the legislature back for a special session due to the deficit. This is provided by a constitutional amendment made a few years ago, to enact when there is a crisis. They need to work on cuts in this current fiscal year and the county may have to implement budget cuts to the remainder of this year's budget. The legislators must accomplish this within 45 days, and if they fail to do so, will not be able to work on anything else until the revised, mid-year, current budget is completed.
- **Provider Benefits:** There are currently 47 providers on the waiting list, even after adding 25 new benefit slots in January. An additional 60 have become eligible for health insurance benefits this month. The cut in IHSS provider hours may impact this as hours worked will decrease causing some to lose their benefits.

- **Provider Recruitment:** Since no events have taken place, not much has been done since November.
- **Provider Training:** IHSS provided APS training on January 8th and 9th; it went well and experienced a good turn-out. There was positive response from those that attended.
- **Consumer Handbook:** A new consumer handbook should be released in February. A copy will be provided at the February meeting.
- **AC Member Recruitment:** There are currently two Service Recipient positions open. **Margaret** will be moved into a Service Recipient slot when a new Service Provider joins the committee. Any prospective applicant would need to attend three consecutive meetings before being recommended for the committee.
- **Newsletter:** The next IHSS newsletter should be in the mail by the end of January.
- **Authorized Hours Report:** The November/December Authorized Hours report shows that:
 - For *Severally Impaired* recipients the average authorized hours per case was 189/191 the *statewide average* was 155 authorized hours per case.
 - For *Non-Severally Impaired* recipients the average authorized hours per case was 75; the *statewide average* was 67 authorized hours per case.
 - For the *total caseload* the average authorized hours per case was 115/116 the *statewide average* was 87 authorized hours per case.

Total authorized hours have continued to increase over the six-month period of this fiscal year.

- **November/December 2007 Registry Report:** Eldon referred the committee to the registry report handout, and asked if anyone had any questions.

Eldon briefly talked about the OAAC Needs Assessment Survey of Older Adults. He covered the creation of the survey, distribution, press releases, the current responses, and the hopes for a good return. He offered surveys to those on the committee that were interested.

Mary expressed thanks to **Cate** for all the effort and work she does with the IHSS program. Mary wanted Cate to know how much her diligence is appreciated by all.

Items for February Agenda

- *Report:* Workers' Compensation Insurance impact on Provider Benefit Coverage
- *Report:* Selling Advertising in the IHSS Newsletter

Action: A motion was made by **Margaret** and seconded by **Katie** to adjourn the meeting. **The motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting

**February 21, 2008
The Domes, Conference Room A, Fulweiler**